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## News Release

### **GREENVILLE ZOO TO CLOSE FOR MAINTENANCE JANUARY 30**

#### ***Zoo to celebrate orangutan's birthday prior to temporary closure***

**Greenville, S.C.** – The Greenville Zoo will close to the general public beginning January 30 through February 10 for maintenance. Zoo staff, the City of Greenville Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments and community volunteers will use the two-week time frame to clean, paint and make necessary repairs to areas within the 14-acre zoo.

Prior to the temporary closure, the zoo will celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> birthday of Baby Bob, a Bornean orangutan, with an event Saturday, January 28 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the orangutan exhibit. Event highlights include Baby Bob picking the 2012 Super Bowl winner, refreshments by Chick-fil-A at Cherrydale (while supplies last), and presents and cake for Baby Bob. The birthday celebration is free with general admission, a Greenville Zoo membership and for children under 3 years old.

#### **About the Greenville Zoo**

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), Greenville Zoo is rated one of the best tourist attractions in South Carolina, attracting over 270,000 people annually. Operated by the City of Greenville, the 14-acre facility features wildlife from around the world including giraffes, monkeys, giant tortoises and elephants. Visitors can also enjoy one of the zoo's most popular exhibits, the Reptile Building, which is home to a variety of lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes.

The Greenville Zoo is open seven days a week, except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The zoo's hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the gates close at 5 p.m. The Greenville Zoo is currently in the master planning process and has developed an online survey for public input on the future of the Greenville Zoo. To download the survey, visit the City's website at [www.greenvillesc.gov](http://www.greenvillesc.gov) or the Greenville Zoo's website at [www.greenvillezoo.com](http://www.greenvillezoo.com). The survey will be

available online and at the Greenville Zoo through February 9, 2012. For more information about the Greenville Zoo, visit the zoo's website or become a fan on Facebook at [facebook.com/greenvillezoo](https://facebook.com/greenvillezoo) or twitter at [twitter.com/greenvillezoo](https://twitter.com/greenvillezoo).

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